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TAGS:MASS, JO

SUBJECT: JORDANIAN TANKS

REF: A) AMMAN 0994 B) AMMAN 0812

1. FRANKLY, WE ARE CONFUSED AS TO INTENT OF GOJ IN ASKING FOR DATA ON M60, M48A5 AND RETROFIT KITS IN APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME FRAME. AS YOU POINT OUT, GOJ SIMULTANEOUSLY IS WORKING WITH THE BRITISH ON A PROPOSAL TO DIESELIZE AND UP-GUN THEIR CENTURIONS.

2. WE RECOGNIZE M48A5 AND M60 INFORMATION REQUESTED IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. NEVERTHELESS, AS YOU KNOW, IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY THAT P&A OR P&B DATA WILL NOT BE RELEASED UNLESS WE WOULD BE WILLING TO FOLLOW THROUGH. GIVEN THE DELICATE NATURE OF THE PEACE PROCESS AND THE CONTROVERSY ANY LARGE TANK SALE WOULD LIKELY CAUSE, WE WISH TO PROCEED MOST CAREFULLY.

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3. TO HELP US IN DEALING WITH THESE REQUESTS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A) IS JORDAN INTERESTED IN PROCURING BOTH THE M48A5S AND THE M60S?

B) HOW MANY TANKS DOES JORDAN WISH TO PROCURE?

C) WHAT IS THE MILITARY JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SALE OF THE TANKS?

D) PLEASE PROVIDE EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

E) IN ORDER FOR US TO ADDRESS RELEASABILITY OF NIGHT VISION DEVICES AND LASER RANGE FINDING EQUIPMENT, WE NEED MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON WHICH MODELS GOJ IS SEEKING.
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